

## **Executive Order 2006-11**

### **To Provide Moneys From The Health Crisis Fund To Help Control Emerging Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Infections**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the Legislature has established the Health Crisis Fund authorizing the Governor to approve specific liabilities and expenditures in order to respond to a health crisis or a significant potential for a health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is a severe and potentially lethal disease that has caused deaths of children in Arizona in 2003, 2004, and 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cases has increased considerably in the last few years, including an outbreak in the White Mountain region of the state that affected Native American tribes in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have concluded that the threat posed by Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is expected to increase and expand to other areas because of severe tick infestations in the affected areas and the number of stray dogs in the area that contribute to spreading the vector ticks; and

**WHEREAS**, the public health threat posed by Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever can be reduced through joint efforts with tribal and federal agencies to implement response plans and to increase public awareness on tick control practices, the role of dogs in spreading ticks that transmit the disease, and prevention of tick bites; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to control Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 do not they require state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in this State resulting from the increased prevalence of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and hereby order as follows:

1. The Health Crisis Fund, as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, is authorized to transfer the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to the Department of Health Services for use in combating Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.
2. The Department of Health services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to reduce the spread and threat posed by Rocky

Mountain Spotted Fever in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2006 on the expenditures of all sums so transferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June in the Year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE